

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. - 10. (canceled)

11. (previously amended) A method for providing run-time modification of functionality in an executable computer program that has a substitute reference address for one or more symbolic references used in a source code version of the executable computer program, the method executing on a computer system, the computer system including a processor and storage device, the method including the steps of:

loading the executable computer program into the computer system;

loading a module that includes an item definition into the computer system; and

executing a process to associate the substitute reference address with the item definition, wherein a pointer associated with the substitute reference address is modified to point to the item.

12. (amended) The method of claim 11, wherein the method further comprises the steps of:

associating the substitute reference address with the item definition by executing script language instructions.

13. (canceled)

14.- 35. (canceled herein).